

# INTO LAKE

## MICHIGAN'S

### ICY WATERS

Banker Hammond Drops Into Them to Avoid His Late Troubles.

NO DOUBT BUT HE WAS INSANE HAD UNDERGONE A MOST TERRIBLE MENTAL STRAIN.

Last Act Prior to Leaving the House on His Fateful Errand Was to Print a Good-bye Kiss on the Face of His Little Sick Child—Traced to the Lake Side by Torn and Twisted Papers Which Bore His Name—In His Pocket Was Found an Important Memorandum.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—William A. Hammond, who was second vice president of the failed National Bank of Illinois, went from his Evanston home, partly dressed and apparently demented about 2 o'clock this morning and, leaving a train of torn and twisted private papers in his path, sought the Dempster street pier, from which he threw himself into the icy waters of Lake Michigan to obtain relief from the troubles which have piled upon him in the last two weeks.

The body was found shortly after noon at the foot of Church street, whither it had been carried by the undertaker. It was taken to the morgue, where an inquest was held.

WAS A GREAT SHOCK.

The intelligence of the banker's self-destruction was a shock to Chicago bankers and the friends of the dead man, although not a surprise to those who knew under what a terrible mental strain Mr. Hammond had been living since he had been held up to public scorn by a Chicago newspaper in the wake of the National Bank of Illinois—a charge which was indignantly characterized as a malicious lie by the banker's intimate friends and his lawyer.

Although dependent to an unusual degree last night, Mr. Hammond gave no warning to friend or family, and there is nothing to indicate that he was suffering from any ailment which would warrant the assumption that he had contemplated killing himself. Shortly before 11 o'clock last night he telephoned from his home to that of his closest friend in the suburban town, Percy Palmer, to learn if he was at home, as he wished to pay him a visit. Ramon was falling heavily, but Mr. Hammond insisted on making the call. Mr. Palmer saw that his friend was in bad shape, physically and mentally. He appeared to be a broken man in every way. In conversation with Mr. Palmer his mind wandered.

MUST REALIZE.

He said he must realize by selling his home, which is in his wife's name. He refused to be encouraged by prospects held out for future usefulness. His visit was brief, and declining the offer of Mr. Palmer to accompany him home or take a waterproof coat or umbrella to protect him from the heavy rain, Mr. Hammond returned to his home. He was seen to have walked unnecessarily in the rain because it was after 1 o'clock when he entered his house. He talked a little with his wife and seemed to be a little more cheerful. Their 3-year-old child had been restless for several nights, and Mrs. Hammond was so fatigued that she slept soundly in a room adjoining that in which Mr. Hammond went to retire, apparently. The baby was sleeping with its mother. About 2 o'clock Mrs. Hammond was conscious of some one entering her room, and she supposed Mr. Hammond had come in their room being separated by an unlocked door. It is believed the trouble-racked father entered to impart a good-bye kiss on the face of his little child.

THE WIFE'S DISCOVERY.

It was nearly 6 o'clock when Mrs. Hammond woke and at once noticed that the door leading to her husband's room was ajar farther than was customary, and his absence aroused all her latent fears. She called to him, but he did not answer. She hurriedly summoned to search for the missing man and notify the police. Birney J. Moore and George S. Lord, old friends of the banker, who were not far from the Hammond home, and their suspicions and fears were verified by finding a trail of torn paper and twisted papers leading to the pier. Mr. Hammond's papers, which were quickly found, indicated in the manner in which he had scattered them and twisted paper. Arriving at the pier, he dropped more of his papers, which quickly clung to the wood because of the beating rain. The discovery of this clue confirmed all fears that Mr. Hammond was no longer alive and arrangements were made to drag the lake. The sad news was borne to Chicago, and to the family, but received with much incredulity at first.

DRESSED IN HASTE.

When the body was removed from the shallow water it was found to be dressed in underclothes, trousers, coat and felt shoes, showing that the dead man had dressed in haste. In a pocket was found a memorandum written by Mr. Hammond on a letter of Parkers, Leach & Co., the promoters and chief owners of the Calumet Electric Street railroad. It contained the following items: Dec. 15, 1896; National Bank of Illinois, \$1,497,000; National Bank of Illinois, \$97,200; Outside loans: Joliet National, \$20,000; E. G. Crawford, \$5,000; Shawmut, \$10,000; Wolf, \$17,000. Total, \$25,200. Interest, \$6,000. Total, \$31,200. These figures are significant on the foreign exchange item corresponding to the amount which Mr. Hammond is accused of carrying on the bank books to that account when the money really represented an extra loan on Calumet Electric bonds, and in the loan on Calumet Electric security by the bank.

A NEWSPAPER DID IT.

Ten days ago a local morning paper published a sensational and lengthy attack upon the dead man's honesty as an officer of the Bank of Illinois. It directly accused him of wrecking the institution, of playing the role of "kicker," of speculating with other people's money, of practicing carefully planned deception on his fellow directors and the depositors for years, and sealing the lips of President Schneider by allowing the accounts of Weiss & Berger, sons-in-law of the president, to pass safe bounds. This paper alleged:

"He has violated willfully and deliberately the law which is supposed to protect the public from the operations of such as he."

Referring to these charges, friends of Mr. Hammond united in declaring that they had driven him to death. Receiver McKee of the Bank of Illinois said Mr. Hammond had been daily at the bank to assist him, and nothing had been said by him which would have led the public to suspect criminal prosecution.

Mr. Hammond had been employed in Chicago banks for 25 years, beginning as a messenger and being steadily promoted from the beginning of his employment in the failed bank. Most of his fortune was invested in the bank's stock, although he was prominently interested in other banks, insurance and other companies. He leaves four young children. He carried \$80,000 life insurance. Mrs. Hammond is in a serious condition tonight.

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Boston, Jan. 2.—Thomas Bram, mate of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, was found guilty today of the murders committed on that vessel last July. The jury went out at 1:30 p. m. yesterday. At 10 o'clock this morning, they reported that they could not agree. Judge Galt directed them to retire for further consultation. They were again locked up with the result that at 3:40 p. m. they announced a verdict of guilty.

The murder was one of the strangest of sea tragedies. On July 21 last the marine observer at Halifax, N. S., made out a vessel coming slowly into the harbor, flying the stars and stripes at half mast, indicating death, and a black flag beneath it. This meant mutiny. The police were turned out in a hurry and sent to meet the vessel. She was the American barkentine Herbert Fuller, 670 tons, of Harrington, Me. In her cabin, lay the bodies of Captain Nash, the captain's wife and second mate, Bamberg. The cook and a young Harvard student named Lester H. Monks were in charge of the ship, while Seaman Charles Brown and mate Thomas Bram were in irons on deck.

The story was a horrible one. On Monday night, July 13, Monks, who was a passenger on board the vessel which had sailed for Rosario, Argentina, was awakened by a woman's screams. He jumped up and groped his way to the chart room, where the captain slept. He put his hand into the berth and drew it away smeared with blood. He at once made a dash for the deck and met Mate Bram, who made a lunge at him with a piece of lumber. Monks drew a revolver and covered Bram. Monks and the cook took charge of the vessel, put the first mate, Bram, in irons, and navigated to Halifax. Bram was convicted on the evidence of Seaman Brown, who testified that he saw the murders. Brown was at the wheel that night, and he said he saw Bram strike Captain Nash with an axe.

No motive for the murder was brought out at the trial, and there was a strong feeling in some quarters that Bram was not the guilty person.

MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Executive Committee Decides on a Number of Minor Details.

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—The executive committee of the monetary conference held a meeting this afternoon and determined upon a number of minor details about the convention. The most important point discussed was the telegram from William E. Dodge of New York, stating that his name could not be considered in connection with the duty of presiding over the convention. His health being such that he could not possibly serve. There is talk of naming ex-Governor E. O. Stanford of St. Louis temporary chairman of the convention, and it is probable that the committee will meet here the day before the convention is held.

CALIFORNIA MAY HAVE A PLACE IN THE CABINET.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The California delegation has received assurances from Canton that if the state's interests in the federal differences the Golden State will receive a cabinet appointment and the delegation will make an attempt on Monday to unite upon some one of its distinguished Republicans. Mr. McKinley has expressed his desire to recognize the Pacific coast, and the honor may fall upon an Oregon man, if the Californians cannot agree among themselves. Oregon Republicans will urge Senator Dolph for secretary of the interior.

A Galveston Terminal.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 2.—The Galveston Terminal, a corporation under the laws of Texas with a capital stock of \$200,000, has been chartered to purchase Pelican island and adjoining flats north of the channel opposite the city, to be developed within three years after delivery of the deed. At least 200 acres will be converted into docks and wharves, with a capacity for at least 50 steamships. The property will be connected with the city of Galveston by a railroad bridge. The city will own one-third of the capital stock of the company. This is the first movement toward providing the Southern Pacific Railroad company with the terminal it desires at this point.

Proposition to Reconnect.

New York, Jan. 2.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The reconnection of the Erie and Delaware and Hudson railroads to the Pennsylvania system will be submitted to the senate when congress convenes, recommending the Cameron-Cuba resolution to the foreign relations committee. It is doubtful if such a motion could be carried, however, and it is probable that it will be the subject of prolonged debate.

Western Weather.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Forecast: Colorado—Generally fair, northerly winds. Wyoming—Fair, rising temperature; weakly winds. Montana—Generally fair and warmer; southerly to westerly winds.

Wind at Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 2.—A wind storm did considerable damage to property in and around Benton, 25 miles south of here, today. A number of houses were blown down, but the railroad traffic delayed. No loss of life has been reported.

Killed His Brother-in-law.

Stuttgart, Ark., Jan. 2.—Captain T. H. Leslie shot and killed his brother-in-law, A. H. Strode, at Gillett last night in a quarrel, and is now under arrest. Leslie is prominent in business and railroad circles. He promoted and built the Stuttgart & Gillett railroad, and is now vice-president of that company.